THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I do not have with me particulars regarding the security that is required for this purpose. I have already said that no difference can be made in the matter of furnishing security which is insisted upon in the case of these loans."

Irrigation Conservancy Subordinates' Association, Tanjore

* 1030 Q.—SRI S. DAIVASIGAMONEY (on behalf of Sri K. R. Sambandam) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have received any representation from the Irrigation Conservancy Subordinate and Telephone Clerks' Association, Madras Public Works Department, Tanjore, regarding the revision of their basic scale of pay, dearness allowance, cycle allowance, etc.; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" Attention is invited to the answer to starred Legislative Assembly Question No. 945 by Sri S. Venkatarama Ayyar, M.L.A., given on 26th February 1955."

Adulteration in foodstuffs

* 1031 Q.—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) the various kinds of adulteration in foodstuffs, that were detected in 1953, in Madras State;

(b) the number of cases detected; and

(c) the amount of fines collected?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" A statement [a] is laid on the table of the House."

SRI K. ARANGANATHAN :—" As the merchants are not afraid of adulterating foodstuffs as they earn more profit than the fine they have to pay for it, will the Government come forward to punish them severely and send them to jail? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" The Government cannot punish them. It is only the magistrate that can punish them."

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The Central Government have recently passed legislation for increasing the imposition of fine and making the punishment more deterrent."

SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM :—" Are the Government aware that a cheap variety of oil called the white oil—which is a mineral oil—is mixed with coconut oil and other edible oils? Will the Government take steps to ban such adulteration? "

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[a] Printed as Appendix on page 314 infra.